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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Sitarama Penumetsa  
Title : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
IMPLEMENTING AN ENHANCED MULTI-  
CHANNEL DIRECT LINK PROTOCOL  
BETWEEN STATIONS IN A WIRELESS  
LAN ENVIRONMENT  
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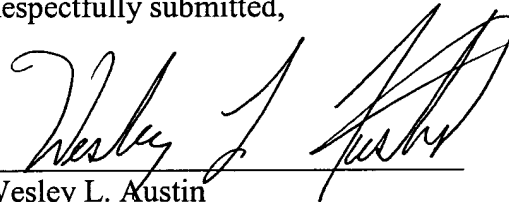
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plurality of APs by mutually transmitting/ receiving the loads through a wired LAN 2, and controlling transmission power to a terminal based on the load conditions of the APA and its neighboring AP, the APA is controlled to increase the transmission power output, etc., when the neighboring AP is in a high load condition and the APA is in a low load condition, so as to assist the communication performed by the neighboring AP. As such, by sharing the loads in the overall wireless LAN system, it becomes possible to solve the hidden terminal problem virtually. Moreover, it becomes possible to suppress the transmission power of each AP by controlling the transmission power of the neighboring AP in such a way as increasing the power only when assisting the communication of the APA, while generally maintaining the transmission power in a normal condition.

Respectfully submitted,

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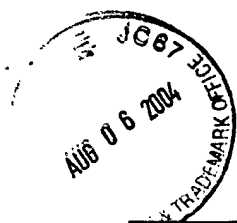
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	O2	802.11e-D6.0 Draft of 802.11e: Medium Access Control (MAC) Enhancements for Quality of Service (QoS)	
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